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SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

An interview was conducted by telephone between Examiner Peng Ke and Applicants' representative, John Golian, on January 24, 2006. The interview was initiated by Applicants' representative to discuss the status of the present application. Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance of the interview pursuant to MPEP § 713.04.

Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted:

No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted.

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Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Independent claim 1 and dependent claim 15 were discussed.

Identification of Specific Prior Art Discussed:

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,781,611 to Richard ("Richard") and 6,160,554 to Krause ("Krause").

Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:

Potential amendments to claims 1 and 15 were discussed. For example, it was noted that an amendment to claim 1 reciting that the extracted graphical preview represents a screen shot of the content currently within an open application window (e.g., the content that would be displayed if the window were selected for display) may be sufficient to place the claim in condition for allowance. In addition, a minor amendment to claim 15 clarifying that description information for each open application window is displayed concurrently may be sufficient to place the claim in condition for allowance.


The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the Examiner:

Applicants' representatives noted differences between the independent claims and the applied art, namely Richard and Krause. For example, Applicants' representative noted differences between displaying the content of an open application window as claimed and providing a preview of the content of an unopened file in Krause. Additionally, Applicants' representative noted that there is no motivation to combine or modify the references to achieve the claimed invention.

General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

The Examiner kindly indicated that he would take all arguments into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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